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Two Bismarck Men Found Guilty on Federal Drug Charges

FARGO - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on January 29, 2010, **Donavan Michael Slagg** and **Gregory Scott Taylor**, both of Bismarck, North Dakota, were found guilty by a 12-person jury of drug conspiracy charges. **Slagg** was also found guilty of money laundering conspiracy.

Chief Judge Ralph R. Erickson presided over the seven-day trial. The jury deliberated five hours before finding **Slagg** and **Taylor** guilty.

Slagg, 32, and **Taylor**, 46, were involved in the distribution of large amounts of methamphetamine in the Bismarck-Mandan area in 2008. The investigation into **Slagg** resulted from a search warrant at a hotel in Bismarck where approximately one ounce of methamphetamine was seized in a vehicle owned by **Slagg**. After **Slagg's** arrest for state charges, **Slagg** arranged through co-conspirators to post \$50,000 in cash with the Burleigh County Clerk of Court. Federal authorities were authorized by a federal district court judge to seize the \$50,000 and then initiated a federal investigation into **Slagg** and other co-conspirators.

Slagg is facing a mandatory life sentence and **Taylor** is looking at ten years in prison. A total of ten defendants have been indicted in this case.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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